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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN TRANSPORTATION ONE COMMITTEE AT A TIME

Miami, FL – Are you a part of the problem or a part of the solution? Have you ever experienced a transportation situation where you wanted to take action or wonder why projects are happening? The Miami-Dade Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the agency responsible for the transportation planning process in Miami-Dade County, has three citizen committees for members of the community to not only to express themselves at, but to also be a part of the solution to transportation issues. They are: the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC); the Transportation Aesthetics Review Committee (TARC); and the Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC).

David Henderson, BPAC Coordinator, stated, “Many pedestrians express concerns for safety, accessible walking trails, and bikeways, but very rarely do they do anything about their concerns. We need more members from the public to get involved with government and not just idly stand by.”

According to Jose-Luis Mesa, Director of the Miami-Dade MPO, “Our goal is to make sure that the citizens of Dade County have an organized platform where they can express their issues, concerns and ideas to improve Miami-Dade transportation system. When citizens get involved with the transportation system by joining these committees we become more effective and efficient, because we are consistently working for the people in the community.”

Susan Schreiber, TARC Coordinator, stated, “We are continuously looking for residents to fill vacant seats. I invite all citizens to come to a meeting and get involved with our efforts to beautify Miami-Dade County’s transportation system.”

“We finally have a freight committee instituted and it is very difficult to find members of the community who want to get involved. Almost every driver has an opinion or an idea on how and when trucks should be used to move goods. My advice would be to join FTAC, because together we can make a transportation difference,” says Frank Baron, FTAC Coordinator.

To find out how to join one of these committees call (305) 375-4507 or visit the Miami Dade MPO website at www.miamidade.gov/mpo.

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